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FOR NEA/INS FROM AMBASSADOR

PASS TO HON. S. DILLON RIPLEY, SECRETARY, SMITHSONIAN
INSTITUTE, WASHINGTON, DC

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: OTRA, CVIS, NP
SUBJ: NEPALSE VISAS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN SMITHSONIAN
TIGER PROJECT

"I AM CONCERNED THAT PARTS OF TIGER PROJECT ARE LIABLE
TO REDUCTION OR RETRENCHMENT AS AMERICANS INVOLVED DO
NOT HAVE ADQUATE PROBLEMS OBTAINING DOCUMENTATION FOROM SMITH-
SONIAN AND HAVE PROBLEMS OBTAINING NEPALESEVISAS.
REBECCA TROTH'S VISA EXPIRED 21 SEPTEMBER AS IT LOOKS
LIKE NEPAL GOVERNMENT PLANS TO ELIMINATE BOTANY PART OCN
PROJECT. SO FAR NO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN SENT
TO HMG WILDLIFE OFFICE PROPOSING DAVID SMITH TO COME
OUT THIS FALL AS PART OF PROJECT.
WE ARE EXPERIENCING INCREASING VISA PROBLEMS WITH GON.
THESEMUST BE STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY SPONSORING AGENCIES
WITH SIFFICIENT LEAD TIMETO PERMIT TWO MONTHS STAFFING
WITHIN NEPALESE GOVERNMENT. HMG IS LOOKING VERY
SKPETICALLY AT SOFT SCIENCE RESEARCH AS, WHO THEY PERCEIVE
AS SELF-IMPROVING WITHOUT GREAT BENEFIT TO NEPAL. IF YOU
WANT TO CONTINUE THE BOTANY PROJECT AND REBECCA TROTH AS
PROJECT INVESTIGATOR SUGGEST YOU PERSONALLY SEND MESSAGE
TO MINISTEROF FORESTS, BHOLA NATH JHA. ACTION SHOULD ALSO
BE INITIATEDTO ENSURE DAVID SMITH IS PROPELY DOCUMENTED
AND ACCEPTED BY HMG. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU EARLY
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NEXT YEAR. BESTWISHES. AMBASSADOR MARQUITA M. MAYTAG
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